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SUBJECT: LESOTHO VERY INTERESTED IN FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE

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Ambassador Robert Nolan delivered reftel demarche to Minister of Foreign Affairs Kenneth Tseko on October 23, 2009. Tseko indicated that Lesotho is very interested in participating in any food security programs, given the critical nature of hunger issues in Lesotho. New initiatives will be welcomed as very timely, given a recent assessment that approximately 500,000 Basotho, over 25% of the country's population, are facing food insecurity. Post will advise of any substantive follow-up received.

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